PENDING CLAIMS AS AMENDED

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method for framing packets in a wireless transmission system supporting broadcast transmissions, the method comprising:
 - generating a portion of an Internet Protocol (IP) packet for transmission wherein the portion of an Internet Protocol (IP) packet is of one type;

appending a start of frame indicator to the portion of the IP packet; applying an error checking mechanism to the portion of the IP packet;

preparing a frame for transmission, having the start of frame indicator, the portion of the IP packet, and the error checking mechanism; and

transmitting the frame without protocol information.

- 2. (Original) The method as in claim 1, wherein the start of frame indicator is a predetermined sequence of bits, the method further comprising: if the portion of the IP packet contains the predetermined sequence of bits, inserting a classifier into the portion of the IP packet.
- 3 (Original) The method as in claim 2, wherein the classifier corresponds to an escape character.
- 4. (Original) The method as in claim 1, wherein the error checking mechanism is a frame check sequence.
- (Currently Amended) A communication signal transmitted via a carrier wave, comprising:
 - a payload portion corresponding to at least a portion of an Internet Protocol (IP) packet of digital information wherein the portion of an Internet Protocol (IP) packet is of one type;

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a start of frame portion corresponding to the payload portion, and identifying a status of the payload portion within an IP packet;

and an error checking portion for verifying the payload portion.

6. (Original) The method as in claim 5, wherein the start of frame portion is a predetermined sequence of bits, and

wherein if the payload portion contains the predetermined sequence of bits, the payload portion further comprises:

a classifier portion.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving framed packets in a wireless transmission system supporting broadcast transmissions, the method comprising:

receiving a frame of a packet transmission wherein the frame is of one type of packet

transmission, the frame having a start of frame portion, a payload portion, and an
error check portion, the frame not including protocol information;

identifying the frame as a start frame in the packet transmission; verifying the frame using the error check portion of the frame; and processing the payload portion of the frame.

8. (Original) The method as in claim 7, wherein if the start of frame indicator is a predetermined sequence of bits, and

wherein if the payload portion contains the predetermined sequence of bits, the payload portion further includes a classifier to identify the predetermined sequence of bits in the payload.

- 9. (Original) The method as in claim 8, wherein the classifier defines an escape character.
- 10. (Original) The method as in claim 8, further comprising: identifying the classifier in the payload; and processing the payload without the classifier.

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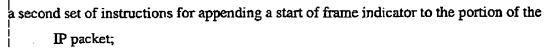
- 11. (Original) The method as in claim 1, wherein the error checking portion is a frame check sequence.
- (Currently Amended) An apparatus for framing packets in a wireless transmission 12. system supporting broadcast transmissions, the apparatus comprising: means for generating a portion of an Internet Protocol (IP) packet for transmission

wherein the portion of an Internet Protocol (IP) packet is of one type; means for appending a start of frame indicator to the portion of the IP packet; means for applying an error checking mechanism to the portion of the IP packet; means for preparing a frame for transmission, having the start of frame indicator, the portion of the IP packet, and the error checking mechanism; and means for transmitting the frame without protocol information.

- 13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for receiving framed packets in a wireless transmission system supporting broadcast transmissions, the apparatus comprising: means for receiving a frame of a packet transmission wherein the frame is of one type of packet transmission, the frame having a start of frame portion, a payload portion, and an error check portion, the frame not including protocol information; means for identifying the frame as a start frame in the packet transmission; means for verifying the frame using the error check portion of the frame; and means for processing the payload portion of the frame.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A computer program stored on a computer-readable storage unit, the computer program for framing packets in a wireless transmission system supporting broadcast transmissions, the computer program comprising:
 - a first set of instructions for generating a portion of an Internet Protocol (IP) packet for transmission wherein the portion of an Internet Protocol (IP) packet is of one type;

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- a third set of instructions for applying an error checking mechanism to the portion of the IP packet;
- a fourth set of instructions for preparing a frame for transmission, having the start of frame indicator, the portion of the IP packet, and the error checking mechanism; and
- a fifth set of instructions for transmitting the frame without protocol information.
- 15. (Currently Amended) An computer program stored on a computer-readable storage unit, the computer program for receiving framed packets in a wireless transmission system supporting broadcast transmissions, the computer program comprising:
 - a first set of instructions for receiving a frame of a packet transmission wherein the frame is of one type of packet transmission, the frame having a start of frame portion, a payload portion, and an error check portion, the frame not including protocol information:
 - a second set of instructions for identifying the frame as a start frame in the packet transmission;
 - a third set of instructions for verifying the frame using the error check portion of the frame; and
 - a fourth set of instructions for processing the payload portion of the frame.

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